

City of Post Oak Bend
Minutes
Public Hearing
Proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget

1. Mayor Hank Warden called the September 25, 2019 Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2019-2020 proposed budget to order at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Post Oak Bend City Hall/Community Center, 1175 CR 278. The proposed budget is based on a proposed tax rate not to exceed \$.30 per \$100 value.

2. Council Members Present:

Also present: Barbara Bedrick, City Secretary

Joey Wages
Ronnie Sherrard
Alison Novak
Mike Parker
Dr. Stephen McMahon

3. Public Hearing – Citizen Comments

Mayor Warden opened up the public hearing with approximately 25 in attendance. Among the speakers who addressed the City Council were: Jeff Arnwine who opposed the budget and the tax rate. Ed Domaracki spoke against the proposed budget and proposed tax rate, Billy McMahon called on council to lower the tax rate to \$.10 per \$100 value. John Negrete said he didn't agree with the proposed budget, and said residents can rollback the taxes. Tom Rogers was also opposed to the budget and the tax rate, stating he saw a spreadsheet but no plan. He also referred Mayor Warden and Council to HB 347 signed into law May 24, 2019 requiring any municipality in Texas to annex only with resident consent. Based on that, he said Kaufman, Terrell and Forney could not try to annex the City of Post Oak Bend. He reminded council why this city was formed – to protect against annexation and keep in rural. Robert Johnson also spoke, saying he was on a fixed income, and could Council consider possibly a possible tax phased in in increments or stages. Former Council Member Jimmy Lambeth spoke saying he's against the proposed tax and said the City can de-annex roads to the county.

Council Member Wages told citizens he has walked two neighborhoods, talking to 36 residents, and 10 on Kandy Lane to hear feedback from citizens on this proposed tax rate. Eight out of 44 residents he talked to were okay with some type of tax. HE added that in his opinion, Mayor Hank Warden and the City Council only have the best intentions, and that there are always roads, ditches and other issues, but he said he believes the Council only wants what will make Post Oak Bend the best it can be made.

Before closing the hearing, Mayor Warden made a few statements about the professional backgrounds of the city council members, and that they all have in common, a love for the City of Post Oak Bend. He said they have met five times, and consulted with attorneys, TML, Hilltop Securities, and engineers. He added the City reviewed the budgets from other cities who have property taxes. Warden said Vision 2020 was the first of its kind, and work went into this plan. He pointed to some new concerns to be addressed such as no ADA approved parking spaces. Council Member Novak stated most large cities aren't going to allow the new Texas law on annexation to stay in place. They will want to continue to grow, and not be controlled. Mayor Warden thanked all these residents for coming and sharing their concerns, and closed the public hearing.

4. Council Action on proposed 2019-2020 budget item revisions

Mayor Warden said the Council would take all into consideration and take a final vote Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7 p.m., following a 6:00 public hearing on proposed tax rate.

Motion to adjourn: Parker Second: Novak The September 25, 2019 Public Hearing on the FY 2019-2020 City Budget was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Attest: _____

Approved: _____

Barbara Bedrick, City Secretary

Hank Warden, Mayor

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